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SUBJECT: ENCOURAGING COUNTRIES TO SUBSCRIBE TO HCOC: OMAN

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Classified By: Ambassador Gary A. Grappo for Reasons 1.4 (b, d)

(C) Acting DCM delivered reftel points on May 29 to Abdullah al-Riyami, Deputy Director of the International Affairs Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, urging Oman to subscribe to the Hague Code of Conduct Against International Ballistic Missile Proliferation (HCOC). Riyami responded that he was well acquainted with the HCOC and said that he would forward our points to relevant government authorities. He added that he was not aware of any "substantive objections" to the code, and that the possibility of Omani subscription remained "under review." He confided, however, that "some within the government" appeared reluctant for Oman to be the first GCC country to subscribe to the HCOC.
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